

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Further to the amendment filed on February 12, 2004, Claims 8 and 23 have been further amended to define the water quantity control ratio as being equal to the relative humidity of the exhaust gas when the fuel cell has not been humidified by a humidifier. Basis for this is found at page 27, lines 14-17.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

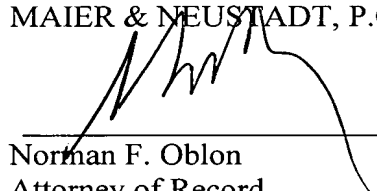
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